

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-11, 16 and 18-24 remain pending in the application. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

SPECIFICATION

The title of the invention is deemed not descriptive. Pursuant to the Examiner's suggestion, the title is amended to read "LCD With Diffuser Having Particular Haze Value Between Liquid Crystal Panel and Reflector, and Reduced Parallax".

REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 16 and 19-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber et al. in view of Ouderkirk et al. and Broer et al., and further in view of Willet, Gunning, III, Hamanaka et al. and Endo et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, to expedite prosecution of this application, claim 16 is amended.

Claim 16 calls for a color filter equipped with a plurality of colors and the distance d between the light diffuser and the light reflector to be greater than or equal to 0.3 mm and less than or equal to 2.0mm. Claim 16 also calls for the haze value H of the light diffuser to be greater than or equal to 5% and less than or equal to 95%. According to the claimed configuration, it is possible for the light diffuser to apply light colored in, for example, red, green and blue, by the color filter to the light reflector in a sufficiently diffused state to make it possible to make the light reflected by the light reflector white

light consisting of the colored light (e.g., red, green, and blue) mixed together. The prior art fails to teach or suggest such a configuration. Claims 19-24 depend from claim 16 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as set forth above.

Claims 17 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Weber et al. in view of Ouderkirk, Broer, Willet, Gunning, III, Hamanaka et al. and Endo as applied to claim 16 above. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Notwithstanding, claim 17 is cancelled. Claim 18 depends from claim 16 and should be allowable for at least the same reasons as set forth above.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand allowed for various reasons enumerated in the office action. Applicant wishes to note that reasons for allowance are only warranted in instances in which “the record of the prosecution as a whole does not make clear [the Examiner’s] reasons for allowing a claim or claims.” 37 C.F.R. 1.104 (e). In the present case, Applicant believes the record as a whole makes clear the reasons for allowance and therefore no statement by the Examiner is necessary or warranted, especially since the statement may unfairly focus on certain reasons for allowance which are not reflected by the prosecution history. Therefore, the record should reflect that Applicant does not necessarily agree with each statement in the reasons for allowance. For example, while Applicant believes the claims are allowable, Applicant may not unequivocally agree that patentability resides solely in the specific feature or combination of features identified, or that each feature or combination of features identified is required for patentability, or that equivalents of any of the recited features

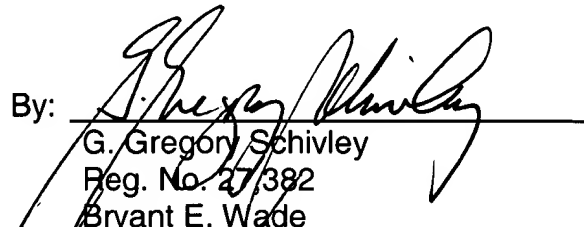
are outside the scope of the claims. Moreover, to the extent the reasons for allowance do not separately address the subject matter of all the claims, Applicant does not acquiesce to any inference that the non-addressed claims fail to present other reasons for patentability apart from the patentability of the claims which were specifically addressed by the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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